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SUBJECT: AVAILABILITY OF PL 480 COMMODITIES

REF: A. JAKARTA 12230; B. JAKARTA 12296

1. DURING LUNCHEON CONVERSATION WITH AMBASSADORS SOEDJATMOKO AND THAJEB OCT 17, LATTER STATED THAT HE HAD DISCUSSED AVAILABILITY OF PL 480 COMMODITIES WITH PRESIDENT SUHARTO DURING RECENT CALL ON HIM (REFTELS. THAJEB SAID HE HAD EXPLAINED TO THE PRESIDENT AND ALSO TO GENERAL SUMITRO (NOT CLEAR WHETHER THIS WAS AT SAME TIME) THAT THE WORLDWIDE SHORTAGE OF FOOD GRAINS AND PRIORITY NEEDS OF CERTAIN NATIONS VERY CLOSE TO STARVATION HAD MADE BLEAK ANY CHANCES OF ADDITIONAL PL 480 RICE FOR INDONESIA IN THE NEAR FUTURE. THAJEB SAID THAT HIS SEEMINGLY OVER-OPTIMISTIC COMMENTS TO THE PRESS WERE FOR PUBLIC CONSUMPTION ONLY, BUT THAT THE LEADERSHIP KNEW THE REAL SCORE. HE DID NOTE THAT SUHRTO AND SUMITRO HAD EXPRESSED THE THOUGHT THAT THE US SHOULD SOMEHOW REGULARLY PUT ASIDE RICE FOR ITS FRIENDS - I.E., INDONESIA.

3. I POINTED OUT THAT THE NEEDS OF VIET NAM AND CAMBODIA -
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WHOSE PRIORITY NATURE INDONESIA DOUBTLESS UNDERSTANDS -

USED UP ALL THE PL 480 RICE AVAILABLE AT THIS TIME.

4. COMMENT: WHEN SPEAKING WITH ME THAJEB GAVE A MORE DIPLOMATIC VERSION OF PRESIDENT SUHARTO'S REACTION TO THE LIKELIHOOD THAT THERE WILL BE NO PL 480 FOR INDONESIA THAN HE DID WHEN TALKING WITH SHAKWO (REF B). I THINK THE LESS DIPLOMATIC VERSION IS PROBABLY THE MORE ACCURATE, AND HOLD WITH MY EARLIER COMMENT (REF B).
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